### LTIMORE PARTY LEADERS AROUSED

tensed at McComas on Postmastership Deal.

HOW HARRIS WAS NAMED

Wachter Claims a Promise From President-Approves Mudd's View of Bonaparte.

Politicians in Maryland have rarely been so surprised and agitated by any happening in the sphere of their activity as they were by the announce in The Times yesterday, prospective appointment of W Hall Harris as postmaster at Baltimore. A number of them were unwilling to be-

A number of them were unwilling to believe the report was true until they learned it had been authorized from the White House.

Mr. Harris is a lawyer and society man and his name was suggested to the President by Charles J. Bonaparte. Like Mr. Bonaparte, he is interested in civil service reform, but has never taken any part in politics. He is a cousin of Mr. Bonaparte's wife.

How Appointment Was Made.

Republican leaders in Baltimore are admittedly disappointed that Gen. J. Stuart MacDonald, who was regarded as the strongest candidate in the field, did not land the plum. He had strong did not land the plum. He had strong backing and was understood to be satisfactory to all the business and professional interests of the Monumental City, but having received the indorsement of Collector Stone and Representative Wachter he was not looked upon favorably by Senator McComas.

As the leaders could not agree, the President sought Mr. Bonaparte's advice, and he promptly suggested his wife's kimsman. The President summoned Mr. Harris, and when his decision was made known to Mr. McComas, the latter promised to favor confirmation by the Senate.

#### What the Leaders Say.

Charles J. Bonaparte was not surprised to hear of the announcement that Mr. Harris will be named, and said: "I know Mr. Harris very well and consider him thoroughly fit for the position, and I think also that the Presisition, and I think also that the President has been very patient in waiting as long as he has for a unanimous suggestion from the leaders of his party in Maryland as to this office. I am confident that an appointment made on his own initiative and with a regard for fitness only in the appointee will be approved by public opinion."

#### McComas Held Responsible.

Senator McComas expressed no surprise, as he knew of the President's intentions. He had made an engagement for a conference tomorrow with Representative Wachter and General Mac Donald, but the announcement ends the

Donald, but the announcement ends the plans for that meeting. These developments will serve to widen the breach in the Republican party, it is declared in Baltimore, and great feeling is reported to exist there in party circles over the sudden termination of the matter.

The supporters of General MacDonald look upon the Senator as primarily responsible for the failure of the President to appoint him, and assert that his only reason for withholding his support from MacDonald was because of the political breach between him and Wachter. The latter's friends declare McComas' refusal to indorse any candidate who had been named or put forward, except one of his own, finally wore out the patience of the President, who took the buil by the horns and determined to end the matter.

Wachter Is Outspoken.

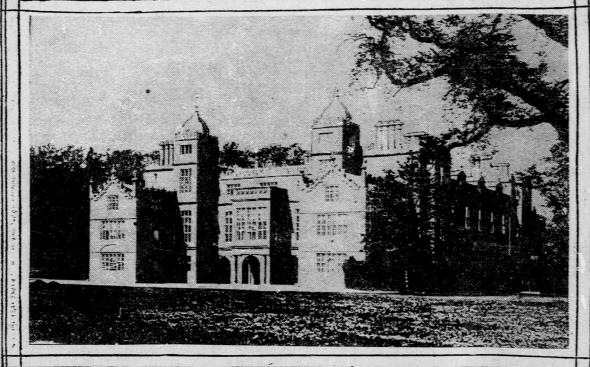
#### Wachter Is Outspoken. Representative Wachter, when assured

"I am simply too astounded for words. My amazement is particularly great because of the fact that I had the word of the President given to me personally that he would not make this appointcause of the fact that I had the word of the President given to me personally that he would not make this appointment without notifying me or calling me into conference. Having been told this so distinctly by the President, I felt confident that even if my candidate was not selected I would know who would be named in advance of the announcement.

#### Wrathy at Bonaparte. Regarding Mr. Bonaparte, Representa-

tive Wachter said:
"Mr. Bonaparte told the candidates who saw him that he was not interested in who was to be postmaster, either airectly or indirectly. He said he was a Federal officeholder himself and frequently engaged in Federal investiga-tion; therefore it would not be proper for him to recommend any candidate to

#### NEW HOME OF COUNTESS OF SUFFOLK



ONE OF THE OLDEST MANSIONS IN ENGLAND.

Estate Now Consists of 10,000 Acres, the Peerage Having Been Denuded of Its Former Wealth.

the President, and he could take no active part in the matter. In his characteristic way he created the impression among those who sought him on this matter that he was not interested and would not urge the appeintment of anyone. Belleving Mr. Bonaparte to be sincere in what he said, the candidates for the place did not trouble him.

"Hereafter I think it would be well for those who want to hold Federal offices in Maryland to see Mr. Bonaparte first, as it would appear that his word has more weight than that of Republicans who have been bearing the brunt of the party's battles in this State for many years and who succeeded last November in practically carrying the State for Roosevelt. Representative Mudd some time ago said he was in 10 way taking part in the postoffice fight. I am not, said he, 'a spoilsman or a patronage-monger. I leave these things to such gentlemen as Charles J. Bonaparte, who has a natural inclination that way. I thought this was a joke at the now."

#### Other Leaders Silent.

General MacDonald took the news ost philosophically, but declined to make any comment upon the appointment.
Collector William F. Stone also refused to talk for publication. Mayor Timanus expressed great surprise.

#### PERSONALITY OF NEW POSTMASTER

W. Hall Harris was born in Baltimore in 1852, the son of J. Morrison Harris, who was a well-known lawyer, and in 1875 Republican candidate for governor against John Lee Carroll. For the six years previous the elder Harris had rep-resented Ealtimore in Congress. On both his father's and mother's sides air. Harris is descended from distinguished Maryland families. His mother was Miss Hall. His ancestors were Scotchlrish and were among the earliest set-tlers. He is a direct lineal descendant of James Calhoun, first mayor of Balti-

After having been educated in private chools, he entered mercantile life, but ater read law, and was admitted to the bar in 1875. The practice of his firm, including his son and H. Oliver Thompson, consists mainly of trust estates, real es-

#### Not a Party Worker.

Mr. Harris has never been active in party politics.

He is not connected with any fraternal know who would be named in advance of the announcement.

"It is unnecessary for me to say that I had not the slightest inkling of the appointment of Mr. Harris. I do not know Mr. Harris. I never saw him and I never heard of him. I do not know whether he is a Democrat or a Republican, and I have heard of no part played by him in the battles of the party in the past."

He is not connected with any fraternal breganization. He is a member of the Sons of the Revolution, of which he is national secretary, and of the Maryland Historical delivery. The solution of the board of trustees of the First Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the Civil Service Reform Association.

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Association.

Mr. Harris has been a lifelong Republican, but has never been a candidate or an applicant for either an elective or appointive position. He has taken a deep interest in politics, but has never been active in his party. He is a member of the Civil Service Reform Association, but to his knowledge, he is not associated with the Reform League.

The new postmaster's personality is thus described by the "Baltimore Sun:"
Physically he is tall, slender, and well proportioned. He weighs possibly from

150 to 160 pounds. He stands erect, and his movements are free and casy and decided. As he walks his carriage unconsciously becomes graceful, as though he were accustomed to the drawing-room. His dress is faultless and in good taste

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His features are neither full nor aquiline. His hirsute adornment consists only of a small mustache. His hair is dark, with few gray hairs noticeable. Dark, expressive eyes and a firm chir complete what the feminine mind would call a good-looking face.

In manner he is genial without being effusive. His handelasp is firm and convincing. His manner of talking is engaging. The intonation of voice is low but resenant. His speech is decided and cautious. He rarely hesitates and never repeats. He says briefly what he has to say and dislikes interruptions. When he is through speaking he is an he has to say and dislikes interruptions. When he is through speaking he is an eager and willing listener.

His whole make-up bespeaks the man after the President's heart. While apparently not so strenuous, he is energetic and believes in results. While conservative and cautious, his general

Mr. Harris is not a public man. There in lies one of the reasons for the sur-He has never been a reaper in the political field. Neither has he secured ormer. He has never been prominent iven in his professional walk of life. Though descended from ancestors who achieved distinction in public office, he has chosen to devote his taleuts to his profession.

In the social affairs of Balt more Mr.
Harris ranks highly. His ancestry, his engaging manner, his conversational powers and his knowledge of things in general have made him a welcomed and honored guest everywhere. In this own home the true, genuine hospitality of Maryland has gained.

## PRESIDENT INVITES

Thanks Ex-Champion for Silver Horseshoe Sent to White House.

Bob Fitzsimmons has a letter from the White House marked "personal," and he is very proud of it. Bob presented the President with a silver horseshoe. The President wrote:

"I am pleased with the horseshoe, and henceforth it will stand on my desk."

Fitzsimmons is in ited to call at the White House if he should visit Washington. This form of invitation is the one the President usually uses in writing a letter to an admirer who has sent some evidence of esteem.

Output

O'clock.

The interment was made in Oak Hill Cemetery, the Rev. W. C. Alexander, pastor of the West Street Presbyterian Church, officiating. The pallbearers were Harrison Dingman, Harry Standiford, Thomas P. Morgan, Fred C. Croxton, and F. N. Thomas.

Mr. Walker was an Englishman, eighty-one years old, and born in Monmouthshire, England. He came to America in 1857, located in Cleveland, Ohio, and later moved to California, where he lived until his removal to the District about three years ago.

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# JONADABS TO CELEBRATE

Extensive Preparations Made for En tertainment of Members of the the Order at That Time.

There was a large attendance of Jonadahs at a meeting held last night at Concordia Hall, under the auspices of Hope Council, No. 1, I. O. S. J. The following officers were elected to serve for

F. J. Fearson, worthy chief; John M

F. J. Fearson, worthy chief; John M. Williams, vice chief; William A. Hickey, recording secretary; William Green, financial secretary; Lieut. John C. Daley, treasurer; Thomas Maloney, chaplain; John W. Richardson, herald; William Welch, assistant herald; John M. Gantley, inside guard; Hunter Iardella, sentinel.

After the election of these officers the council reported that all arrangements were completed for the New Year Eve watch night service and entertainment to be held at Concordia Hall, and had secured the competent talent who have kindly volunteered their services for the occasion. An address will be male by George W. Drew, of the District bar; Lieut. John Daley, and Kenneth A. O'Connor will sing the latest popular songs.

F. W. Rockerfeller, of Chicago, in

#### CHRISTMAS EXCITEMENT TOO MUCH FOR CHILD

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.-Overcome by the excitement of Christmas, six-year-old Altredo de M. Gomes Perteira, who for some time has been acting charge d'affaires ad interim of the Brazilian legation in Washington, has been promoted to the position of minister plenipotentiary ad interim.

excitement of Christmas, Six-year-old Louis Simmons was discovered by his mother almost unconscious. He was removed to a hospital, where his condition was pronounced serious and his case diagnosed as heart failure.

A great chance to buy

Furniture and Home-

### Daisy Leiter Mistress Of Old Charlton Park

Family Mansion Near Malmesbury One of the Finest in England-She Will Take Precedence of Lady Curzon.

#### Big Estate, But Poor.

The estate now consists of only been denuded of much its former wealth. made a marriage which bade fair to repair the shattered fortunes of the family. His wife owned in her own right extensive property, which included no fewer than four country seats, two of them with deer parks. She died, leaving an only daughter, to whom she bequeathed her entire estate.

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LONDON, Dec. 27.—Miss Dalsy Leiter, who yesterday became the Countess of Suffolk, will soon be mistress of the stately Jacobean mansion shown in the accompanying photograph. Charlton Park is the name of this family seat of the erridom, and it is beautifully situated near Malmesbury, in the county of Wiltshire.

It is noted chiefly for its picture gallery, one of the finest in England, and containing some superb specimens of the old masters. An east front was added to it by the Earl of Suffolk, who was a not specially efficient secretary of state at the time of the American war of the revolution.

Big Estate, But Poor.

long survived her husband. In her will she ignored the late Earl of Suffolk, leaving most of her property, including Castle Rising to his brother, the Hon. Had she left ler estate to the head of the house the present young nobleman would have been under no necessity of seeking a marriage with an American heiress to replenish the family exchequer. And then, cynical British matters are now saying. Daisy Leiter would have stood small chance of ever becoming the Countess of Suffolk. It may be remembered that at the Delhi Durbar, Daisy Leiter, it was reported, refused to currieve to her sister, Lady Curron, who as wife of the vice-roy, took precedence of all womankind there, laughingly protesting that she was a "free-born American."

Aid to Lord Curron.

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The Earl of Suffolk is now aide-deabout 19,000 acres, the peerage having camp to Lord Curzon, but when the latter's term of office in India expires the Early in the eighteenth century the then Countess of Suffolk will take precedence Lord Andover, heir to the earldom, of Lady Curzon, as the Suffolk earldom Lord Andover, heir to the earldom, of Lady Curzon, as the Suffolk earldom made a marriage which bade fair to dates back to 1803, and Lord Curzon's

### ON NEW YEAR EVENING GARFIELD'S PLAN WAS ARCHBOLD'S SUGGESTION

Standard Oil Witness Made Recommendation for Federal Control of Interstate Commerce.

An amusing feature has developed in commissioner of Corporations James R. His proposition is almost exactly the same as advanced six years ago by John by those who partook of the charity of the institution. Setween 600 and 700 D. Archbold, of the Standard Oil Com-When testifying before the industrial commission appointed by President McKinley, September 8, 1899, he

"If such corporations should be made possible under such fair restriction and revision as should rightfully be atcould be freely entered upon by all comers, and the talk of monopoly would forever be done away with.

"Our present system of State corporations, almost as varied in their pro-visions as the number of States, is vexatious alike to the business com-munity and to the authorities of the negro sorgs. Mr. McNeitey will also for the first time recite an original composition entitled "A Face Upon the Bairroom Floor." Harry Hall will give piano recitals; F. J. Fearson will render their right to taxation or police regula various States. Such Federal action need not take away from these States plano recitals, F. J. Pearson was the plano recital plano recitals, F. J. Pearson was the plano recital plano recitals, P. J. Pearson was the plano recital plano recital plano recitals, P. J. Pearson was the plano recital plano recita tion, but would make it possible for business organizations to know the gen

### MANY POOR ARE FED AT MISSION ROOMS

Over Six Hundred Receive a Good Dinner of Roast Beef and Plum

The Christmas dinner given to many worthy poor yesterday at the Homeward Bound Mission, 119 Pennsylvani Avenue northwest, was greatly enjoyed persons were provided with Christma

white and colored visitors were seated tables the former on the

cheer.

White and colored visitors were seated at different tables, the former on the right, and the latter on the left side of the dining hall.

An excellent dinner of roast beef and plum pudding was served, under the direction of Commander Haslam, as master of ceremonies. After the feast the visitors were each presented with presents of candy, oranges, and nuts by Lieutenant Johnson, who played the part of Santa Claus.

Commander James Haslam and Mrs. Haslam, who were in immediate charge of the affair, were assisted by Majon and Mrs. Johnson, Captains Ballant and Pendleton, Lieut. Ellen Haslam, and Cadet Gordon, Miss Elsie Halsman, Miss Frances Stern, and George Johnson served the good things to the hungry.

### CAPTAIN AND MRS. JAMES

the course of the meal.

### **EMPLOYES JUST** DODGE EXPLOSION

Was a Narrow Escape From Death.

POWDER MILL DISASTER

Plant Blew Up and Workmen Who Had Just Departed Thrown to Ground.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 27 .- Just after twenty employes of the Acadia Powder Company's works at Waverly, ten miles from this city, had left the place part of the plant blew up with an explosion which shook the country and broke windows for twenty miles around.

Fortunately no one was seriously in jured, but the workmen who had just departed were thrown to the ground and shunned by the shock.

#### Loss Is Heavy.

The plant is situated a mile outside of Waverly, yet every window in the town was broken and many people on the streets were cut by the shower of The property loss at the The explosion was in a small building known as the dry house, in which about a ton of powder was stored and is be-

a ton of powder was stored and is believed to have been due to overheating. The concussion demolished half a dozen other buildings close by the dry house, but did not explode the powder in the magazine, although the building was partially wrecked. A hole several feet deep was blown in the ground.

About a quarter of a mile off was the house of Robert Layton, the manager of the plant, and this was very badly damaged. All the windows were blown out, while the plaster in nearly every room was shaken down. Miss Margaret Layton, who was sitting in a room on the second floor, was hurled from her chair and rendered unconscious. Her condition is not serious, however.

#### Rush From Houses.

People in Waverly rushed from their ouses, fearing that other explosions would follow, and that the town would be wrecked, and it was some time before they were reassured.

The shock was severe enough in this city to break many large plate-glass windows in the business section and throw open doors. At one of the houses of the fire department the large front doors were burst open and partially damaged. In many houses articles were thrown to the floor from tables and

shelves.

Similar reports were received from Bedford, three miles from the powder plant, and from Renfrew, Oldham, and other small towns situated up the valley toward the scene of the explosion. The fact that only about one-fifth of the ordinary working force was about the building today undoubtedly prevented loss of life.

#### BIG CHRISTMAS TREE AT MAULSBY HOME

The inmates of the Maulsby Working Boys' Home were pleasantly enter-tained last night with a Christmas tree given by the board of lady managers of the institution and numerous other friends

for the event, and fully that number are expected to attend. An abundant mena of all kinds of refreshments will be served.

A number of candidates will be initiated upon this occasion.

HEART DISEASE CAUSES

DEATH OF BENJAMIN WALKER

The funeral of Benjamin Walker, who died suddenly of heart disease at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Sarah A. Phillips, 1816 Thirty-third Street, George-town, took place this morning at 10:30 of clock.

The interment was made in Oak Hill.

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